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PROPAGATION: Aug 8, Disturbed; Aug 9, Low Normal; Aug 10, Below Normal; Aug 11, Low Normal; Aug 12, High Normal; Aug 13, High/Low Normal; Aug 14, 15, High Normal; Aug 16, High/Low Normal; Aug 17, High Normal; Aug 19, Below Normal. (Aug 13-19 are 54-day based forecasts). TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Flux (84)	Date	Flux ----1985----	A	K
191	255	99	134	83	7/26	75	14	3
183	254	95	127	81	7/27	77	16	3
164	217	94	119	81	7/28	79	11	4
151	207	95	123	80	7/29	81	7	2
139	204	109	140	80	7/30	81	13	3
133	192	111	140	80	7/31	80	31	4
128	176	120	153	81	8/1	78	14	4

CLARIFICATIONS TO ARRL BOARD MEETING REPORT

The motion to add the Pribilof Islands to the DXCC Countries List was made by Pacific Division director Stevens, W6ZM, and seconded by Northwest Division director Mary Lewis, W7QGP. After the Board voted to table the matter, directors Stevens and Lewis asked to be recorded as opposing the motion to table. (See editorials by NL7G and TDXB on page 2).

The DX Advisory Committee (not the Board) voted 15-1 to amend DXCC Rule 5B as indicated in Issue 297; the recommendation was part of their report to the board. The recommendation will be taken up by the ARRL Awards Committee at Headquarters.

Concerning 24 MHz, the Board adopted the following recommended band plan: 24.890-24-920, CW only; 24.920-24.930, CW and digital communications only; 24.930-24.990, CW, phone and SSTV. Although advisory commitees have recommended it, the Board has not yet authorized awards credit for contacts on any of the three new bands. A motion to study the extension of Field Day operations to the 24 MHz band was tabled, then withdrawn (ARRL Letter).

NOTES

VE3KFE/4U left the Golan Heights (Syria) to return home to Canada on July 31...

Strange goings-on in Uganda since the coup July 27; voices other than the usual operator have been heard operating from 5X5GK...

HC1BI will operate HC8BI Galapagos sometime in September, possibly part of group...

Two new stations in Mali are TZ6WC (QSL DL4BC) and TZ6FS (a YL, also QSL DL4BC)...

KC8PG operated from Europe last month as 3A/KC8PG, SO4PG (Poland) and DL/KC8PG; QSL to his home address, Jim Vinning, 4215 N. Vassar Rd., Flint, MI 48506. He says he expects to have QSLs in 2-3 months...

9G2AR says QSL to Ministry, Accra, Ghana, but nothing is known of DXCC status...

N7DF/TT has been worked in Europe on 20; he's at the embassy for 3 months and is working on ST and ST0 licensing...

Someone with a long memory confirmed that Wrangel Island was on the DXCC list, later removed for lack of activity. W2BXC says he worked UK0KAA on Wrangel in Feb and Aug of 1971,...makes you wonder if Peter I Island will stay on the list if too many years go by without any amateur radio activity...

JW5NM and wife JW8KT said to have returned to Norway Jul 17, as planned, leaving Svalbard without amateur radio...

160 Meter regulars Gary Wilburn, NI8K (left), and Arch Doty, K8CFU, at the 1985 Dayton Hamvention. (Photo by K8GG).

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THE PRIBILOFS

by Mike Baker, NL7G*

(Note: this editorial was written just before the ARRL Board was presented with the DXAC vote on the Pribilofs; NL7G was obviously unaware that the Board would have an opportunity to become involved in the matter).

"The DX Advisory Committee has voted (9-7)on the Pribilof issue, and we have WON! Not a decisive vote, but a win never the less.

"The next step in the process is the vote by the Awards Committee. This step in getting through the DXAC is 'merely' a recommendation process. To win the DXAC vote, although critical, only means that the DXAC will recommend to the Awards Committee that the Pribilofs be added to the (DXCC) list. The Awards Committee consists of W1GNC, W9KDR, W1SE, K8CH, W3AZD (non-voting@, W1XX, W1OD, and AA2Z. K1XA and N1CIX are alternates.

"I would be leading you down a winding road if I told you that I thought this vote would be a shoo-in. W3AZD, who is the DXCC administrator, has been very vocal on the fact that the Pribilofs would never count. He is responsible at this point to present the Pribilof issue to the Awards Committee.

"W1XX is Communications Manager, and chairman of the Awards Committee. He was solicited by the DXAC after the tie vote to respond to our examples of past determinations of point 2(a). W1XX's repot (to put it nicely) was not impartial, as suggested; it concluded with the statement that the Pribilofs do not qualify.

"Our reply to W1XX's report, although accurate, was undoubtedly not very well received by him or the others involved in writing the staff report. Just by this, you can see we have two members of the Awards Committee who may use their influence to bias the rest of the Committee. I use the word 'may' because at this point it would be unfair to say they won't be impartial.

"Where's the beef? Why was the DXAC vote so close? The first question is easily answered. The headquarters does not like being told they are wrong, and for them to admit so does very little for egos. As for the second question, I learned on my recent trips to Fresno and Dayton, some DXAC members said they would notvote for the Pribilofs, not because we were incorrect in our conclusions, but rather that it was never the intended interpretation of that was written in QST (DXCC Rule 2(a) -ed). Therefore, whoever wrote the point (2) rule as lastly defined did not understand the intended interpretation. I have no idea who wrote the criteria that has appeared in QST for over 20 years, but I doubt they would appreciate being called dumb!

"The yes votes of DXAC members reflect the opinion 'that is what the rules say,' while the no votes reflect the opinion 'the rule was written incorrectly for what it is supposed to mean.' Really some heavy moose droppings, HUH?"

*NL7G is president of the Alaska DX Association; this editorial appeared in the July issue of their newsletter, The Alaska Goldpanner.

Five years ago in *The DX Bulletin*

(August 11, 1980): 600DX was leaving Somalia about Aug 14, the last viable operation from that country; operator I2YDX had been there 25 days as an agricultural consultant. He didn't have a key for working CW but was trying to find one locally...the Radio Club of Bogota announced operations from Bajo Nuevo and Serrana Bank would begin Aug 16 and Aug 23, respectively...

Jordanian hams were working on permission to mount an operation, YI1JY, from Baghdad...A6XJC was on from the U.A.E. with one of the last visitor's licenses...K4YT began an African excursion signing 5T5DX...ARRL's Contest Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the ARRL DX Competition be returned to the old rules, after a one-year change...

A Chilean group was trying for a Juan Fernandez operation mid-month...N2KK left for Sri Lanka and the Maldives, hoping to concentrate on 80 Meter operating...K5YY returned from a Pacific expedition which produced 12,000 contacts, 30 per cent on CW, from several countries...John Huntoon, W1RW, retired as ARRL treasurer, a position he had held since retiring from the headquarters staff in 1975; he served the ARRL for nearly 50 years.

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DU7/N0JN 7001 1400 25 OR
FR4ZD 7007 0330 23 MA
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ZK1CG 14309 0312 31 MN
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WHY THE ARRL BOARD WAS RIGHT

The ARRL Board of Directors made a wise and correct decision in tabling a motion to add the Pribilof Islands to the DXCC Country List.

The motion, made by Pacific Division director W6ZM, was cooked up by him and DXAC chairman K6SSJ. By taking the matter straight to the Board and by-passing the Awards Committee, these two were trying to further erode the authority and responsibility of the Headquarters staff.

The Pribilof matter should never have got to the Board at this stage in the DXCC process. Had the Awards Committee voted against country status, the Communications Manager could have overridden their decision. Barring that, those pushing for DXCC status could then take their case to the Board.

Dozens of papers and studies have been written on this matter...the Awards Committee, as Headquarters staff members, are being paid for spending the time necessary to read the arguments before making a decision. It is difficult to see where any of them have any conflict of interest. And there are certainly more Honor Roll members and active on-the-air hams on the Awards Committee than on the board of directors.

The ARRL decision-making process is structured for efficiency...volunteer advisory committees provide member input, the Awards Committee provides guidance to the Communications Manager, who decides the issue. And remember that the General Manager can ultimately override them all; it is not unimportant to remember that the current general manager is on the DXCC Honor Roll. The Board is a "court of last resort."

We would like to know why directors unnecessarily take matters such as this to the Board meeting, when problems such as the decline in the number of licensed amateurs and League members cry out for solutions.

--K1TN

CALENDAR

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LORD HOWE	By VK2BCH Aug 7-28, 160-20 Meters
COMOROS	D68JF reported 21.210/1700Z in Eu
JOHNSTON	NH6D/KH3 on now; By W6DMJ and K8CRM now, too
GALAPAGOS	By HC1BI, others next month; W8KKF for an October expedition
MALI	TZ6FS, WC new stations; I298
KERGUELEN	FT8XB likes 20 SSB 0400-0600
SYRIA	VE3KFE/4U left July 31 for Canada
SAO TOME	S92LB on 14.183 2030-2330Z4
NORTH COOKS	ZK1WL by ZL3AFH may stay until Dec
CHINA	Active stations run-down I294
KURE	KH6JEB/KH7 on again last week
WILLIS	VK9ZB on P29JS 14.220 net at 0700Z
MIDWAY	By WH6O now; also Kure occasionally; need reports
CHAD	KA4JRY/TT returns end of July; I291 N7DF/TT came on last week
W CAROLINES	By KC6JC started Jul 30; I293
PITCAIRN	VR6JR on through Sept, mostly 20
CENT KIRIBATI	T31AT finished
WAKE	AH9AC on now; need reports
ST BRANDON	Rumors of an operation by 3B8CD
MALDIVES	OH8MA/8Q7 SSB Aug 2-12
TRINDADE	By PY1SL rumors fading
CONTEST	WAE CW Aug 10/11
CONTEST	All Asia CW Aug 24/25
MADEIRA	DJ2BW/CT3 Sept 1-15
ST PIERRE	FP/W3ESU (CW) and FP/K8CFU (SSB) Sep 11-15, 160 Meters only.

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